ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTIONS FLOWCHART

TSC/FO/RO/PSC/OHA employee suspects fraud or abuse. GN 02604.410 OIG receives a third party report of possible fraud or abuse. GN 02604.410B.2

Develop sufficient evidence to establish that a violation may have occurred. Such evidence may include a personal contact with the individual. GN 02604.410

Send SSA 8551-U4 (paper or electronic) with evidence developed to OIG for consideration of criminal/civil prosecution or CMP. If sanctions may apply, flag case with an administrative sanctions flag. Send copy of SSA 8551-U4 to the RO to verify that a sanction is appropriate. If yes, the RO will enter case on database, if not the RO will advise OIG and the FO and provide rationale for decision. The flag will be removed from case. GN 02604.415 and GN 02604.420

If during the course of OIG investigation it appears a case is sanctionable, OIG will prepare a sanction flag, place it on file and send a copy to the RO after its investigation and review. OIG will develop through criminal and civil prosecution and CMP.

GN 02604.425

After consideration of criminal or civil prosecution and CMP, OIG will return case to the FO. (OIG will do this within 60 days or will notify the FO that investigation is continuing. Within this period there will be a dialogue between OIG and the RO on the case status). GN 02604.425